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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Accept reimbursement funds from the Federal Bulletproof Vest Program in the amount of \$47,982 on behalf of the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Chief Probation Officer.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Chief Probation Officer to accept on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, \$47,982 in reimbursement funds allocated by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Federal fiscal year 2011 Bulletproof Vest Partnership program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since June 1999, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Chief Executive Office (CEO), to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the County of Los Angeles' (County) participation in the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. The purpose of the program is to preserve the lives of law enforcement officers by providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies so that they can procure bulletproof vests for their officers. Under the provisions of the BVP, the Federal government will reimburse a portion of the cost of each vest purchased by a local agency.

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The Sheriff, District Attorney, and Chief Probation Officer are eligible for participation in this program. The BVP program requires each County department to apply for reimbursement electronically via the BVP website. As the County's designated contact, the CEO reviews, verifies, and combines the departmental submissions into a single application that is formally submitted. The application for BVP Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 funding was submitted on July 5, 2011.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This program meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal 5, Public Safety: Ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County, by enhancing the safety of law enforcement officers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's FFY 2011 BVP application requested reimbursement for 1,850 bulletproof vests. The individual requests from the departments are as follows:

Department	Quantity	Cost
District Attorney	300	\$103,500
Probation Department	100	\$ 35,696
Sheriff's Department	1,450	\$544,417
TOTAL	1,850	\$683,613

The BJA awarded the County \$47,982 in reimbursement funds or approximately 7.02 percent of each vest. Departments that receive a BVP allocation are responsible for the remaining costs. The eligible departments have sufficient funding within their budgets to cover the remaining costs. The proportional award amounts are as follows:

Department	Total Cost	Award Amount
District Attorney	\$103,500	\$ 7,265
Probation Department	\$ 35,696	\$ 2,505
Sheriff's Department	\$544,417	\$38,212
TOTAL	\$683,613	\$47,982

The CEO will disburse the BJA award in amounts proportionate to each department's total armor vest order, as reflected in the above chart. The reimbursement deadline date for bulletproof vests purchased under the FFY 2011 BVP is August 31, 2013.

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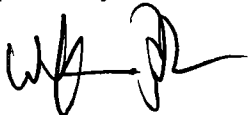
FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The BVP, created by the BVP Act of 1998, is a unique United States Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to State and local law enforcement. Since 1999, over 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP program, with \$277 million in Federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 800,000 vests.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The primary concern of the BVP is to protect the lives of peace officers around the nation. The BVP program assists the County in providing the funding necessary to ensure that personnel are adequately protected.

Respectfully submitted,



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